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STATE, SOMERSET COUNTY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE NORTHROP GRUMMAN TO MOVE OPERATIONS FOR NAVY CONTRACT TO PRINCESS ANNE

BALTIMORE, MD (October 28, 2010) – Governor Martin O’Malley and Somerset County officials announced that Northrop Grumman Corp. is moving its engineering and low-rate production fabrication operation from Virginia to Maryland and today signed a lease for a 53,000 square-foot building in the Princess Anne Industrial Park. The building, which the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) built as a spec building in 2002 to attract economic development projects to the area, formerly housed Oddi Atlantic, a commercial printing business that ceased operations in 2008.

“The attraction of Northrop Grumman’s engineering and production fabrication operations is a great win for Maryland and for Somerset County,” said Governor O’Malley. “Not only will this bring new jobs to Maryland and fill a vacant building in the Town of Princess Anne, but will strengthen Maryland’s relationship with the Wallops Flight Facility and create a hub for the aerospace industry on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.”

“Northrop Grumman’s decision to move its operations to Maryland speaks to the quality and availability of our workforce, our proximity to Wallops Island and the supportive business climate that the State and our partners in Somerset County offer to businesses,” said DBED Secretary Christian S. Johansson. “We look forward to working with Northrop Grumman, which already has a significant presence in Maryland, to help them further grow their operations here.”

“The Somerset County Commissioners, in cooperation with Somerset County Economic Development Commission, are thrilled to welcome Northrop Grumman to our County,” said Somerset County Commissioners President Mike McCready. “For many years, we have focused on attracting aerospace engineering to Somerset County and this is a direct result of a long-term partnership with EDC to bring industry into the area and enhance the local economy.”

“In these tough economic times, the attraction of Northrop Grumman to Somerset County will support direct employment needs to the region as well as indirect benefits to our Main Street Communities and small retail businesses,” said Somerset County Economic Development Commission Executive Director Daniel Thompson. “Due to the close proximity to Wallops Island and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, this type of project will allow us to work collaboratively and grow the aerospace industry in the region”.

“This is an exciting time for Princess Anne. The Town is thrilled to have a premier global company like Northrop Grumman in our Industrial Park,” said Princess Anne Town Commissioners’ President Dennis Williams.

By relocating this operation to Maryland, Northrop Grumman will be able to better support the U.S. Navy's Theoretical Studies and Engineering Research (TSER) contract, which is used to obtain engineering and analytical services, low-rate production and field support for low- and medium-fidelity missile targets. Northrop Grumman has supported the Navy for the last two years on the TSER contract.

"The Princess Anne Industrial Park facility is well situated to support current Navy contracts with Northrop Grumman Technical Services and is close to NASA Wallops Flight Facility where the Navy anticipates launching future missions," says Rob Maddox, TSER program manager. "We look forward to not only being a good neighbor but to partner with the community, the local educational institutions and economic development organizations."

Northrop Grumman Corporation is a leading global security company whose 120,000 employees provide innovative systems, products, and solutions in aerospace, electronics, information systems, shipbuilding and technical services to government and commercial customers worldwide. Please visit www.northropgrumman.com for more information.

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development stimulates private investment and creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies. The Department promotes the State's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism. For more information, visit www.ChooseMaryland.org.